

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee- FINAL
For Meeting of February 6, 2005

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District
David Bentley, North Marin Water District
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma
Steve Simmons, City of Petaluma
Mike O'Brien, City of Petaluma
Al Bandur, City of Sonoma
Stanley Cohen, City of Sonoma
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Sanford Smith, Valley of the Moon Water District
Spencer Bader, Sonoma County Water Agency
Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency
Brad Sherwood, Sonoma County Water Agency
Kiergan Pegg, Sonoma County Water Agency
Tim Anderson, Sonoma County Water Agency
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Dan Carlson, City of Santa Rosa
Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa
Dana Roxon, MMWD
Paul Helliker, MMWD
Jon Mandell, MMWD
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Matt Mullan, Town of Windsor
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Toni Bertolero, City of Cotati
Janet Orchard, City of Cotati
John Nelson, JONWRM

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Fred Soares, Southwest Neighborhood Alliance
Jo Timmsen, Tell the Truth
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros
HR Downs, OWL
Paul Stutrud, OWL
Barb Greene, RPACCC
Dan Mizersky, Cal American Water
Tony Lindstrom, Cal American Water
Duane DeWitt, Community Builders Corp.
Chip Worthington

1. Check In

Mike Martini, City of Santa Rosa, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in.

2. Public Comment

Duane DeWitt, Community Builders Corp., commented on the recent flooding in the Roseland Area and asked that developers explore permeable surfaces in hardscaping projects.

3. Approval and Recap of the December 5, 2005, Minutes

Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, made a motion to approve the minutes and Jack Baker, North Marin Water District, seconded. All approved.

4. Debriefing on the New Year's Weekend Flood

Dan Carlson, City of Santa Rosa, gave a presentation of the flooding that occurred over New Years at the Laguna Subregional Reclamation System followed by a Q & A session.

There was discussion over increased sediment and Sonoma County's role in the removal of sediment; Rohnert Park flooding in areas that had not flooded previously, comparison of the 1982 and 1986 floods with the 2005 flood, and the reported break in the Cotati or Rohnert Park line that was not substantiated.

5. Water Contractor Review/Report on Acceptability of Restructured Agreement Revised Section 2.4

Jake Mackenzie presented proposed language changes for Section 2.4 of the Restructured Agreement-Potter Valley Project (PVP) compiled by Sonoma County Water Agency, Jake Mackenzie and Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District. Mr. Mackenzie suggested that contractors meet with David Keller, Friends of the Eel River, but the WAC declined. Mr. Mackenzie requested that contractors go back to their governing bodies with proposed changes. The changes include requiring two-thirds of total weighted majority vote and an environmental review of the PVP.

Statuses of Restructured Agreement Revised Section 2.4 are as follows:

Rohnert Park – Approved.

NMWD – Approved.

Windsor – Language change should not be an issue should be within 30 days.

Petaluma – End of February. Methodology still needs to be revisited.

Cotati – Reviewed and approved.

VOM – Restructured Agreement approved; Revised language for Section 2.4 will be submitted to the Board after the remaining water contractors have approved the Restructured Agreement.

Sonoma – Beginning of March.

Santa Rosa – Demand hardening is still an issue; do not support 2.4 (b).

MMWD – Not in their contract.

John Nelson, JONWRM, will update the demand hardening information with the 2005 data and distribute the figures to the contractors.

6. Presentation of Draft SCWA Water Transmission Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Kiergan Pegg, Sonoma County Water Agency, gave a Power Point presentation of the draft SCWA Water Transmission Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. A \$15 surcharge was recommended to bring O & M charges to a 6-month operating cost reserve. In addition, it is proposed that \$1.3 million in reserves be used to fund the future LRT2 Projects.

Concerns included discrepancies between approved budget for 2005/2006 and the actual budget. It was recommended that quarterly financial statements be presented to the WAC throughout the year to keep them updated on changes. In addition, a request was made to include an outline of salaries, benefits and number of staff.

Kiergan Pegg will revise discrepancies and distribute to all contractors prior to the next WAC meeting. Any comments need to be submitted by next week. The final budget will be presented at the next WAC meeting on March 6, 2006.

7. Infrastructure Bond and the Proposed Water Tax

Paul Helliker, MMWD, presented a letter he drafted to Assemblywoman Wolk and suggests that the contractors consider sending letters stating your position on the Assembly Bill 1839.

8. Urban Water Management Plan Update

Pam Jeane, Sonoma County Water Agency, stated that all draft demand memo packages were sent out on Friday February 3, 2006. You will notice that there are tables without figures. These will be filled out and distributed when the numbers become available.

Dry year data was derived by using the City of Santa Rosa's figures, therefore, each agency will be contacted to determine if another study is needed or if these figures will work for all agencies..

Completion is not expected for another 5-6 months. Extensions may need to be requested for grants.

9. Check Out

Recap